

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.355, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Greg Ryberg, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee		
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 355, as amended, would create a Board of the Department of Transportation composed of twelve members. The Bill would also establish a Transportation Oversight Committee composed of ten members of the General Assembly that would, among other things, review candidates for the Board of Transportation.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Article 3 (57-1-310) establishes the Board of Transportation and designates that it shall be composed of twelve members. This Section further directs that all mileage, subsistence, and per diem for the Board members shall be paid from the General Fund of the State. Based on an annual cost of \$13,500 per Board member, the additional cost to the General Fund can be estimated at \$162,000. DOT indicates that any savings accruing to the State Highway Fund as a result of this Article would be used to build and maintain roads.

Article 4 (57-1-385, 57-1-390, and 57-1-395) establishes the Transportation Oversight Committee composed of ten members and directs that the costs and expenses of the Committee shall be paid from the General Fund of the State. DOT estimates a cost of \$1,500 for each Committee meeting.

Article 6 (57-4-790(B)) DOT indicates that this section will require additional environmental documentation for existing projects in the STIP which are being developed by counties and funded by the counties and/or the State Infrastructure Bank. There are ten to twelve projects in the current STIP that would require such documentation, at a cost of approximately \$200,000 per project. Approximately \$2 million in costs for this documentation would be borne by the counties.

State Infrastructure Bank

The Bank indicates there may be additional cost associated with Section 7 (11-43-155) dealing with state and federal environmental review requirements. The Bank anticipates passing any additional cost on to the project sponsor (County, City, etc.) from which funds are already derived to finance individual projects.

Senate and House of Representatives

The Legislature indicates there will be an additional cost to the General Fund. The Transportation Review Committee will consist of 10 members of the legislature. The cost per legislator per one-day meeting is \$235

per person and the total cost will be \$2,350 per one-day meeting, which must be paid with General Funds from the appointing authority. All other costs and expenses must be funded in the annual appropriations act.

Attorney General's Office

Enactment would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Commerce

Section 57-3-790(B)(1) requires the Department of Transportation to seek and consider comments from the Department of Commerce prior to including any project in the Statewide Transportation Improvement program. The Department of Commerce indicates that there is no cost associated enactment of this Bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses from local governments indicate enactment would have little direct impact on expenditures. See also State Infrastructure Bank estimate above.

Approved by:

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